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In re application of

Jean-Pierre MARC et al. Conf. 4061

Application No. 10/562,682 Group 3679

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LOCKING DEVICE AND PIPE COUPLING PROVIDED THEREWITH

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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December 30, 2008

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of June 30, 2008, for which the period for response has been extended three months, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.